

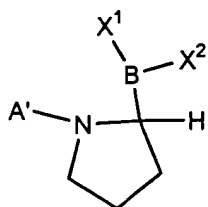
Amendments to the Claims:

This following Listing of the Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

21. (New) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of a compound of the following structure and at least one stereoisomer thereof:



wherein each X¹ and X² is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group that is hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein A' comprises an amino acid; and

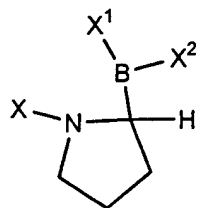
wherein each of the compounds inhibits DP-IV activity.

22. (New) The mixture of claim 21, wherein at least 97% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration.

23. (New) The mixture of claim 21, wherein at least 98% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration.

24. (New) The mixture of claim 21, wherein A' is alanine.

25. (New) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of a compound of the following structure and at least one stereoisomer thereof:



wherein each X^1 and X^2 is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group that is hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;
 wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;
 wherein X comprises an amino acid or a peptide; and
 wherein each of the compounds inhibits DP-IV activity.

26. (New) The mixture of claim 25, wherein X is an L-amino acid.
27. (New) The mixture of claim 25, wherein at least 97% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration.
28. (New) The mixture of claim 25, wherein at least 98% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration.